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C O N F I D E N T I A L TOKYO 16795

FOR S/P WINSTON LORD

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: US-JAPAN PLANNING TALKS

REF: A. STATE 279834 B. TOKYO 16694

1. KIYOHICO ARAFUNE (FONOFF, POLICY PLANNING DIV) ASKED EMBASSY TO INFORM LORD THAT DUE TO UNANTICIPATED PERSONNEL CHANGES IN FONOFF SUDDENLY SCHEDULED FOR EARLY NEXT YEAR, FONOFF MUST SEEK SHIFT TO LATER DATE FOR PLANNING TALKS. FONOFF REQUESTS THAT US SIDE CHOOSE DATES ANYTIME, BUT AS SOON AS CONVENIENT, AFTER FEBRUARY 20 FOR TALKS. (COMMENT: PRESS CARRIED REPORTS, WHICH WE ASSUME ARE ACCURATE, THAT TACHIBANA WILL BECOME DIRGEN EUROPEAN AND OCEANIC BUREAU. ARAFUNE SAID HE COULD NOT CONFIRM).

2. DEADLINE FOR EXCHANGE OF PAPERS SHOULD ALSO BE MODIFIED ACCORDINGLY.

3. ARAFUNE TOLD US JAPANESE EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON WILL SIMPLY BE TOLD THAT "DUE TO CERTAIN DIFFICULTIES REQUEST FOR CHANGE OF DATES HAS BEEN FORWARDED THROUGH US EMBASSY TOKYO." POSSIBLE PERSONNEL CHANGES WILL NOT BE MENTIONED TO THEIR EMBASSY AND ARAFUNE ASKED THAT WE ALSO NOT MENTION.

4. IF LORD ON VACATION, PLEASE CONTACT. ARAFUNE REGRETTED INCONVENIENCE AND EXPRESSED HOPE FOR EARLY RESPONSE.
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